

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to basically correspond to claims that are currently being prosecuted in the corresponding application pending before the European Patent Office.

The Examiner should note the feature of main claim 1 of:

. . . the voltage pump has a first pump stage and a second pump stage;  
the first pump stage is configured with first components with a nominal  
voltage level above which the components have a voltage breakdown  
level, and the second pump stage is configured with second components  
which have a voltage breakdown level above the voltage breakdown  
level of the first components.

The first portion of the above finds its basis on page 19, line 28 to page 20, line 14 where it is stated that "The low voltage section operating below the normal operating voltage of the technology, normally 3V or 5V and the high voltage section operating above" and "At the high voltage section the 1C components are configured precautionary to avoid breakdown of the components at the High Voltage levels".

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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